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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1974

Per telephone conversation with
Mr. Wilbert McClees, he reported
his bill as follows:

December 18	\$7.00
December 21	--
January 1	--
January 8	<u>14.00</u>
TOTAL	\$21.00
January 15	14.00

Dorothy pd. 1-15



Pat Lind

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

K19-~~9~~9120

Mrs. Miller
#

Connie Miles

~~532-8960~~

Va.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Wilbert

Oct	3	14
	9	14
2/2	16	
	23	
	30	20

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didn't work

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all after Sept?

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Wilbert 420 on
~~520~~ North Earle

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day tomorrow"



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August 23, 1974

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MEMORANDUM FOR

Mrs. Nancy Howe
Special Assistant to Mrs. Ford

*I don't think
we should rent.*

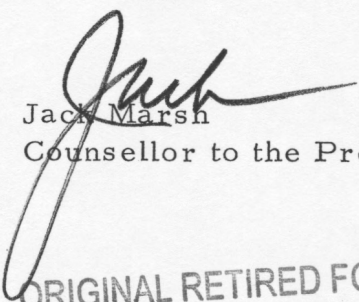
In reference to your call from Jay Johns concerning the Alexandria residence of the President, I tried unsuccessfully to reach Mr. Johns but Howard Kerr was able to talk to him later.

Mr. Johns told Howard that he had been in touch with Senator Harry Byrd and Senator Byrd suggested he contact me. I have known him for a number of years and he is interested in historical preservation and has been associated with a number of historical properties throughout the state including the Stonewall Jackson home in Lexington.

He says his group recently acquired the John L. Lewis home in Alexandria. They would like to rent the Ford dwelling in Alexandria and make it available for public inspection. Naturally, he would like to have left in the property as much of the furniture of the Ford family as possible. I understand they plan on charging admission which would be used to offset the cost of maintenance and rent.

I think a major factor in any decision President Ford and his family might make will be the impact this would have on the neighborhood.

You might want to discuss this with the family; however, if the decision is negative, I would urge a prompt response to Mr. Johns before the proposal gets momentum.


Jack Marsh
Counsellor to the President

cc: The President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 20, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR PHIL BUCHEN

FROM:

Jack Marsh 

SUBJECT:

Virginia Trust for Historic Preservation

Please find attached a letter from Senator Byrd requesting that Mr. Jay Johns of Charlottesville, Virginia be contacted regarding the preservation of President Ford's home in Alexandria.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and advise me if I can be of assistance.

cc: Senator Byrd



HARRY F. BYRD, JR.
VIRGINIA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 13, 1974 b

My dear Jack:-

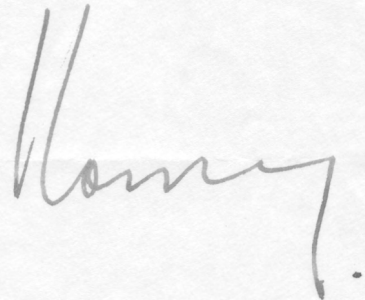
Our mutual friend, Jay Johns of Charlottesville (804-295-2220), telephoned today to say that the Virginia Trust For Historic Preservation would like to rent President Ford's home in Alexandria.

If and when the President decides to rent his home, perhaps you would have whoever is handling this for the President communicate with Jay.

With best wishes, I am

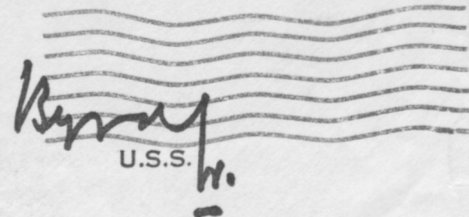
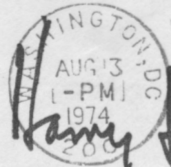
Sincerely,

The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.



United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510
OFFICIAL BUSINESS



The Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.
The White House
Washington, D. C.



August 26, 1974

Dear Jim:

This is just a brief note to tell you that your August 20 letter to the President has been received and will be called to his attention without delay.

With kindest regards,

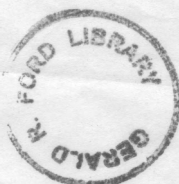
Sincerely,

Sam L. Friedlander
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable James Abdnex
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

cc w/incoming to Nancy Howe for further handling

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

JAMES ABDNOR
SECOND DISTRICT
SOUTH DAKOTA

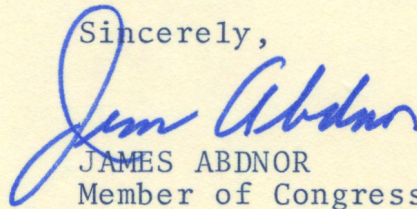
August 20, 1974

BT
The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500


Dear Mr. President:

I heard on the news this morning that you plan to rent your former residence in Alexandria. I am extremely interested in being considered as a possible tenant and would do my best to uphold the great American tradition representative of that area.

Sincerely,


JAMES ABDNOR
Member of Congress

P.S. Knowing how fond you and your family are of the swimming pool, I will welcome your visits at any time.





HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515

August 20, 1974

JAMES ABDON
SECOND DISTRICT
SOUTH DAKOTA

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President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

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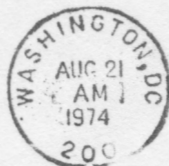
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Member of Congress

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20515



The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500



JAMES ABDNOR



MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 18, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR:

MRS. FORD

FROM:

RIC SARDO *Ric*

I called 514 Crownview this morning and have the following information for you:

The Stewards informed me that the painting in the house will probably be finished today. The stewards are cleaning up as the painting is being done and anticipate that they will have everthing completed in terms of cleaning by this Friday. I would think Friday afternoon you might want to visit the residence to look at the work. My present plan is to detach the stewards next Monday, unless you find some future need for them.

I talked to Wilbert and he indicated to me that based on his work today, his total bill would amount to \$102.16. That includes a full day's work for August 21, 28, September 4, 11 (at \$20 per day), \$14 for today's work, and \$8.16 for the drain pipe material he purchased at Loehman's. The check should be sent to:

Mr. Wilbert McClees
520 North Earle Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314



Oct. 3, 1974

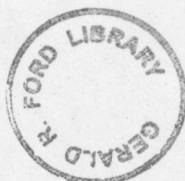
On Sunday, September 29, 1974, I cleaned
the rugs at the Alexandria residence of

President and Mrs. Ford.

Total cost of shampooing carpet: \$150.00

BH

Ben Harrison



\$150.⁰⁰

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 10, 1974

Wilburt called this morning regarding
the days he has worked at 514 Crown
View Drive. His total bill is \$114.00.

October 30	\$20.00
November 6	20.00
November 13	20.00
November 20	20.00
November 27	20.00
December 4	7.00
December 11	7.00

\$114.00



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 11, 1974

Carolyn,

Here is the letter from Mrs.
Golubin which we discussed over
the phone. The President just
wants Mrs. Ford to be aware of it.

Thanks

Dorothy D.





GOLUBIN & WARWICK, INC.

Realtors

130 SOUTH ROYAL STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

TELEPHONE
AREA CODE 703
683-5200

December 10, 1974

Mrs. Dorothy Downton
Personal Secretary to
the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Downton:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from
Mrs. Rosenthal listing her inventory of 514 Crown View
Drive.

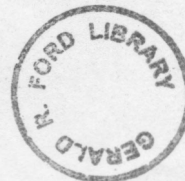
This list is in accordance with my own observations
and I am merely forwarding the letter for your future
information.

Please notify me if I can be of help to you in any
way.

Sincerely,

Patricia B. Golubin
President

PBG:ip
Enclosure



514 Crown View Drive
Alexandria, Va. 22314

December 9, 1974

Mrs. Pat Golubin
Golubin & Warwick
130 South Royal St.
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Pat:

The following is for your files only, and is the list that we have discussed previously relating to various small defects to be taken into consideration when I depart the premises:

Living Room: Venetian blinds of front living room window have one torn, crooked area. These have been removed to the attic for the duration.

One large burn, about 1/4" x 1" near rear living room window, on carpet.

Family room: Built-in hi-fi/cabinet has upper hinge that is torn.

Kitchen: The Fords left a lovely kitchen wall clock which we are using, and which we will leave, of course, when we no longer live there.

Hallway: Stairs leading to second floor have worn, uncleaned carpeting. One step in particular is bare.

Master bath: There is a small corner area of loose tile where the toilet brush has been placed consistently.

Master bedrm: The carpeting is very worn in the area of the front window, where it seems to have been from swinging a bed out, such as would come from having twin beds locked together except for purposes of changing linens. Nearby is a 1-foot square piece of carpet that is loose.

Small bedrm.: Adjacent to master bedroom, the small bedroom has a large burn in it and several smaller abrasion-type wear areas.

Basement: Window to south will not stay closed. We put a nail in it to secure it.

S. S. room: The toilet paper dispenser had fallen off the wall.

This list is as complete as I can make it at this time. The above is in no way to be construed as dissatisfaction with anything about the house. We like it very much and are enjoying living in it.

Sincerely,

Ladner

*not a defect,
of course, but I
wanted to
note it.*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 6, 1974

DOROTHY:

I talked with Wilbert today and following is his list of the days he has worked and his total bill:

August 7	20
August 14	20
August 21	\$20
August 28	20
September 4	20
September 11	20
September 18	14
September 25	20
October 3	14
October 9	14 ?? (He expects to work part of a day)

(Drain pipe he purchased 8.16
at Loehman's) 150.16

If you have any questions his phone number is 549-8975

During the months of July, August and September the maid was paid \$1,242.00 (13 weeks @ \$90 + 2 Saturdays and 2 Sundays)

I still do not have a total paid to Wilbert.

214 Reported

Carolyn P.
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Nancy Howe stated he worked every
every Wed (1/2 day @ \$12) The beginning
of August his salary became
\$20 per day (versus \$18) and \$14 for
half day (versus \$12).

Oct
10-8



February 19, 1975

Wilbert McClees called today with
the list of the days he has worked
and his total bill:

January 22	\$20.00
January 29	\$20.00+
	11.31 for a pipe
February 5	14.00
February 12	14.00
February 19	\$ 14.00
TOTAL	<u>93.31</u>

(He extended the water pipe in front where
they built the security area. Water was
coming up to the tree and he extended the
pipe so that the water wouldn't drain and
wash the dirt out in the street)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 15, 1975

NOTE TO DOROTHY DOWNTON

FROM: Carolyn

Wilbert called today with the following information regarding his recent bill.

February 26	\$20.00
March 5	20.00
March 12	20.00
March 19	20.00
March 26	20.00
April 2	20.00
April 9	20.00

His total bill is \$149.71 which includes the \$9.71 purchase on April 2 of another long pipe for front lawn drainage as well as gasoline and oil for the lawn mower.

He also mentioned a purchase of grass seed and fertilizer from Gaines Bros. which he charged to the President's account. You should be receiving the bill directly, and he did not have the total amount of that purchase.

Thanks.



@e: Mrs. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 24, 1975

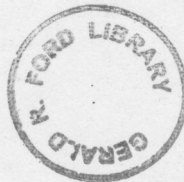
Dorothy:

This is Wilbert McClees report on his
recent bill:

April 16	\$20.00
23	7.00
30	7.00
May 7	7.00
14	7.00
21	20.00
28	20.00
June 4	20.00
11	20.00
18	20.00
25	20.00
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	\$168.00

Thanks.

Carolyn



F.Y.I

Mrs. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1975

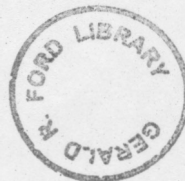
Dorothy:

This is Wilbert McClees' report on his recent bill:

July 2	\$20.00
9	20.00
16	20.00
23	20.00
30	20.00
August 6	20.00
13	20.00
20	20.00
	<hr/>
	\$160.00

Thanks.

Carolyn



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1976

Mrs. Ford,

I thought I would Xerox a copy of today's "house" report so that you could read it at your leisure and in that manner not hold you up on the telephone. If you have any questions, we can discuss them in the morning.

All in all, I think things are coming along fine with the exception of the personality clash.

Dorothy



April 13

Louise's husband called Carolyn and said he thinks that the paint job is coming along fine now.

3:20

Called kay Watkins at Golubin & Warwick. The painting is done. Mrs. Rosenthal has inspected it and she is satisfied with it. Greg has inspected it and he is happy with it. The brick work is done. The slate work is done. Ladies have not finished planting yet. The pool is drained of all water but it cannot be painted until the weather is 70° for three days in a row. The chimney has been repaired but the squirrels will be removed later. She has yet to arrange for someone to do the windows, but she will take care of that.

I asked specifically about Mrs. Ford's three questions and received the following report: The shutters were not taken down. The painters said because of the way they were fastened on the house it would be difficult for them to put them back on the house. They decided to wait until the tour is over and then go back and have the painters take the shutters down, paint on the back side, and then have a carpenter put them back up.

The storm windows were taken down and painted on the bottom.

There are three fences on the property. The two out from the side of the house have been sanded down, rustproofed, and painted green (same as before). The long fence that is the length of the house has a whole lot of shubbery around it. Because of that it may be necessary to take down the fence and work on it separately. They were afraid that this would hurt the shrubbery so close to the tour, so they decided to wait. They said it did not look bad. In fact, two of the new painters did not know the fence was even there. After the tour they will get several estimates and suggestions as to what to do with this particular fence and then we can decide what to do with it.

Kay (the Bookkeeper and Secretary) also mentioned that when Greg went to inspect the house during the painting process that he was called across the street by Louise and received instructions from her as to what to do. He feels that perhaps he should call Mrs. Ford himself to "defend" himself since he did not receive instructions from me which is his usual route.



9/22

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

✓
Carolyn + Nancy,

For your information & reference.

You may keep
for I have a
copy.

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Realtors

109 SOUTH ROYAL STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314

TELEPHONE
AREA CODE 703
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September 15, 1976

Mrs. LaVerne W. Rosenthal
514 Crown View Drive
Alexandria, Virginia

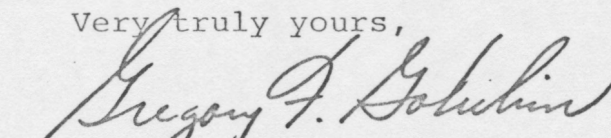
Dear Mrs. Rosenthal:

To confirm our conversation today, we, as agents for President and Mrs. Ford, hereby authorize you to continue as a tenant at 514 Crown View Drive on a month-to-month basis commencing October 1, 1976. In accordance with Paragraph THIRD of your present lease, you "shall be deemed to be tenant under a month-to-month tenancy, upon the same terms as herein provided, and will vacate said premises upon receipt of thirty (30) days' notice in writing from Lessor."

We regret that this had not been clarified earlier. I know you are concerned about the thirty-day notice, but should the Fords ever decide to exercise this option, I am confident that they would give you considerably more advance warning.

If you have any further questions regarding the situation, I would appreciate it if you would call me direct.

Very truly yours,


Gregory F. Golubin

CC: Dorothy Downton

